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HOUSE BILL 17-1083

BY REPRESENTATIVE(S) Liston, Becker K., Carver, Exum, Gray, Lee; also SENATOR(S) Gardner. Moreno.

AN ACT

CONCERNING AN EXEMPTION FOR CERTAIN TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS OF THE REQUIREMENT THAT A MUNICIPAL JUDGE INFORM A DEFENDANT OF CERTAIN RIGHTS.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:

SECTION 1. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 16-7-207, **amend as it will become effective May 1, 2017,** (3) as follows:

16-7-207. Court's duty to inform on first appearance in court and on pleas of guilty. (3) This section applies to prosecutions for violations of municipal charters and prosecutions for violations of municipal ordinances, EXCEPT FOR TRAFFIC INFRACTIONS FOR WHICH THE PENALTY IS ONLY A FINE AND ARREST IS PROHIBITED AND FOR WHICH A COURT SHALL NOT ISSUE A BENCH WARRANT, INCLUDING A WARRANT FOR FAILURE TO APPEAR.

SECTION 2. Effective date - applicability. This act takes effect the later of May 1, 2017, or upon passage, and applies to violations committed on or after said date.

SECTION 3. Safety clause. The general assembly hereby finds, determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.

Approved: April 13, 2017

Capital letters indicate new material added to existing statutes; dashes through words indicate deletions from existing statutes and such material not part of act.